

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 8 and 20 are canceled. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendment and the remarks that follow.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and Allowed Claims

Claims 1-6, 8 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Franke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,328) in view of Paterson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,379).

Applicant wishes to seek expeditious issuance of a patent containing claims directed to subject matter found allowable by the Patent Office. Thus, claims 1-6, 8 and 20 have been canceled, obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Consequently, all claims currently presented for consideration are allowed, and issuance of the present Application as a Patent is solicited. Nevertheless, Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 1-6, 8 and 20, and reserves the right to present claims drawn to the same or similar subject matter for consideration in a continuing application.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims is requested, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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